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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Video Lottery Terminals - Interstate Revenue Sharing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to negotiate a revenue sharing
4 arrangement with neighboring states that have gaming facilities with video
5 lottery terminals, based in part on the number of State visitors to those gaming
6 facilities; providing that revenue raised by the arrangement should be paid into
7 the General Fund; allowing the General Assembly to authorize the installation
8 of an ample number of video lottery terminals only at certain locations in the
9 State under certain conditions; specifying that the State will not install video
10 lottery terminals near the border of a state when an arrangement with the state
11 is in effect; providing that this Act does not apply to certain slot machines;
12 defining a certain term; and generally relating to interstate revenue sharing.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Criminal Law
15 Section 12-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Video Lottery
16 Terminals"
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Volume)

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, The tourist and entertainment industries of Maryland are critical
21 components of the State's economic structure and, properly managed, can contribute
22 substantively to the State's prosperity; and

23 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that Maryland residents are taking
24 millions of dollars of disposable income out of the State to play video lottery terminals
25 in neighboring states; and

26 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that the attraction of video lottery
27 terminals in neighboring states has resulted in increased economic activity in those
28 states; now, therefore,

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article - Criminal Law**

4 **SUBTITLE 4. VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS.**

5 12-401.

6 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC
7 CONTRIVANCE, MACHINE, OR OTHER DEVICE THAT, BY THE INSERTION OF AN
8 OBJECT SUCH AS A COIN OR TOKEN OR ON PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION, ENTITLES
9 THE PLAYER WHO OPERATES THE DEVICE, WHETHER BY SKILL OR CHANCE, TO
10 RECEIVE:

11 (1) TOKENS; OR

12 (2) ANYTHING OF VALUE, INCLUDING CASH, PREMIUMS, AND
13 MERCHANDISE.

14 (B) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO SLOT MACHINES COVERED UNDER §§
15 12-304 THROUGH 12-306 OF THIS TITLE.

16 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL NEGOTIATE A REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT
17 WITH EACH NEIGHBORING STATE WITH GAMING FACILITIES THAT FEATURE VIDEO
18 LOTTERY TERMINALS, BASED IN PART ON THE NUMBER OF STATE VISITORS TO
19 THOSE GAMING FACILITIES.

20 (D) REVENUE REALIZED BY A REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT WITH A
21 NEIGHBORING STATE SHALL BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

22 (E) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A NEIGHBORING STATE DOES NOT COMMIT
23 TO THE NEGOTIATED REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24 MAY AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN AMPLE NUMBER OF VIDEO LOTTERY
25 TERMINALS ONLY AT:

26 (1) THE CHESAPEAKE HOUSE ON ROUTE I-95 OR A NEARBY VENUE
27 CLOSE TO THE DELAWARE STATE LINE;

28 (2) A VENUE THAT IS IN HAGERSTOWN OR THAT IS CLOSE TO THE
29 INTERSECTION OF ROUTES I-70 AND I-81 OR TO THE VIRGINIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND
30 WEST VIRGINIA STATE LINES; OR

31 (3) SANDY HOOK OR A NEARBY VENUE CLOSE TO THE WEST VIRGINIA
32 STATE LINE.

33 (F) VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS MAY NOT BE INSTALLED NEAR THE BORDER
34 OF A NEIGHBORING STATE WHEN A REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT WITH THAT
35 STATE IS IN EFFECT.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2003.